




# "As much as twenty-five inches of snow."



trollcatz

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MOOD:  flirty

MUSIC: Let it snow, let it snow!

Now where did I leave my skis....?

Is there anything better than a big snowstorm, hot cocoa, and a warm sweetie?

T: "A beach in Tahiti, a drink with an umbrella, and thee!"



## Thank you

This is Patricia Andreoli, wife of Daphne Worth, who you all knew as Trollcatz. Daphne died

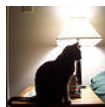
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Hmm...could it be improved by a bunny on your lap?

(Mai kitteh is at the vet's luxury accommodations today. Sigh. My toes are cold.)

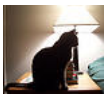


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The bunneh is making expeditionary dashes into the garden. He has never seen this before! His hairy feet are not hairy enough! Maybe if I run really fast I can run away from it!




 [txenne](#)

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Hee! Like [Simon's Cat](#).



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Only with more bouncing!



 [tylik](#)

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I am fondly reminded of cats cavorting confusedly in the snow. (Ah! Snow in the tummy fur!)

I would be perfectly content to stay home, watch the snow fall, study non-linear dynamics, geek with my roommate and work on a circuit board\*... but a couple of my Chen students are coming by to drag me off to dim sum.

I'll just have to cope.

\* W00t! I got the UV sensitized copper clad board! And the much more environmentally friendly etchant! And really bright UV LEDs! (And we have the pulsar process working well enough that I'm not sure I need them to the precision I want, but hey.)



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I have absolutely no idea what you just said.



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Non linear dynamics: the math behind things that behave chaotically. Kind of the field of overlap between the kind of large scale distributed network system work I did and biology (or at least that's a story I often tell).

The circuit board work... so you make printed circuit boards by taking sheets of fiberglass that are clad with copper on one or both sides, putting on some kind of masking substance where you want the copper traces to be (it's kind of like batik) and then putting them in an etchant (ours involves muriatic acid and hydrogen peroxide), which eats away all the copper that isn't masked. There are a lot of ways of doing this, with different advantages. The simplest involves printing your board design with a laser printer, ironing the laser printed image onto the copper board (you can just use magazine paper, you don't need anything special) and then etching it. But you can get more precision if you use UV light over a treated board, with your board design printed onto a transparency. The pulsar process is another somewhat more involved heat transfer process.

...but you know dim sum, right?



**Re: now, with translations**

 **trollcatz**

December 19 2009, 20:59:17 UTC    COLLAPSE

Dim sum, I got!

...what's Chen?



**Re: now, with translations**

 **tylik**

December 19 2009, 21:32:00 UTC    COLLAPSE

Oh! (What can I say? I didn't know there *\*was\** so much vegetarian dimsum. I explained - in my Beijing accented Mandarin - that I didn't eat meat, they responded in Cantonese that I only halfway understood, gestured at my head, and produced marvels. Food coma...)

Chen is Chen Taijiquan, one of the martial arts I study, the one I've been with the longest and the one I teach. It's the really old form of T'ai chi. (T'ai chi is Wade-Giles, one system of transliteration, whereas Taiji is pinyin. Same words, same characters, I tend to prefer pinyin.) But it's pretty distinct from most of what's taught as Taiji in this country - lots of flowing movements, yes, but mostly in low stances, intersperse with explosive "fa jing" (power release) movements, and flying jump kicks. Fun stuff.



**Re: now, with translations**

 **trollcatz**

December 19 2009, 21:34:58 UTC    COLLAPSE

Oh! Taiji! A friend showed me some qigong once. Very interesting.

**Re: now, with translations**

 **tylik**

December 19 2009, 21:43:23 UTC    COLLAPSE

There are associated qigong systems for a lot of the Chinese martial arts styles - it intergrades with Taiji, but I've been learning a lot of Shaolin qigong recently as well. And a lot of the qigong forms have martial applications.

Though in this weather I'm focusing on a lot of the more vigorous forms. Brrr!



 **magpie49**

December 19 2009, 19:25:27 UTC    COLLAPSE

Ours has only recently started, and I noticed I will be out of my favorite veggies. Aieeeee! Run to the store!



 [trollcatz](#)

[December 20 2009, 16:12:36 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

How'd it go on the veggies front?



 [magpie49](#)

[December 20 2009, 19:58:48 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I am sufficiently resupplied with veggies; and a few other things I picked up simply because I was already at the store. \*grin\*

On my way to the store, I noticed a fresh fender bender.

I had already decided the streets were going to be slippery and was driving accordingly. Others apparently did not. On the way home, I saw several sets of tire tracks indicating some mad swerving done, but no actual damaged cars.

The only excitement, if you can call it that, was a tiny skid on the right turn up a hill from a downhill, both unplowed. I was expecting it, but still. . . Little shot of adrenaline.

Home, car parked safely in the driveway, veggies in the freezer, I settled down with my crochet hook and worked on the rust afghan for a while.



 [edschweppe](#)

[December 20 2009, 00:06:04 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I hope the District has their act together better than the **last** time I was in DC post-snowstorm (after the January 1996 blizzard). **Nothing** was plowed in DC, and the only things moving were National Guard Hummvees and taxicabs. One of the cab drivers told me that the District only had about fifty pieces of snow-removal equipment total, and the private contractors weren't willing to plow in the District because they never got paid.



 [trollcatz](#)

[December 20 2009, 16:12:05 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

That sound you just heard was My Hysterical Laughter.

Official word from the Mayor is, "Um? At least it's Saturday!"



 [artemishi](#)

[December 20 2009, 02:16:13 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I envy your snow (right now on the Left Coast we're all about the fog and rain. Pleck). Enjoy it!




 [trollcatz](#)

[December 20 2009, 16:11:06 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Um.


Better than volcanoes? 0.0




 **artemishi**

December 21 2009, 18:59:16 UTC    COLLAPSE

I cannot fault this logic. :)



 **bunny\_m**


December 20 2009, 07:04:56 UTC    Edited: December 20 2009, 07:05:37 UTC    COLLAPSE


Feel free to send some of that Winter down this way if it's too much for you. =)

Currently it's officially 93F outside, feels like 95, and my new indoor thermometer is trying to tell me it's the same inside. I ain't buying that, though. (Feels more like mid-high 80s, I'm thinking.)

*Is there anything better than a big snowstorm, hot cocoa, and a warm sweetie?*


Change that to thunderstorm, and I'd have to answer an emphatic 'No'. =)




 **trollcatz**

December 20 2009, 16:10:31 UTC    COLLAPSE

A Pennsylvania girl will manage. ^\_-



 **sheistheweather**

December 20 2009, 20:03:06 UTC    COLLAPSE

I like T's answer.

### Thank you

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